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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TOCY, IC, UK  
SUBJECT: RESEARCH VESSELS AND ICELAND'S 200 MILE LIMIT

REF: A. STATE 18558; B. STATE 31167; C. REZKJAVIK 0152

1. BRITISH FIRST SECRETARY MICHAEL KENDALL CALLED ON ECONODD MARCH 29 TO DISCUSS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT ICELANDIC POSITION ON 200 MILE LIMIT IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY FROM FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO). HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM THE FCO ASKING IF IT WERE TRUE PROFESSOR GUNNAR SCHRAM HAD TOLD US ICELAND'S 200 MILE LIMIT EXTENDS ONLY TO FISH-ERIES AND THAT RESEARCH REQUIRES NO SPECIAL PERMISSION. (KENDALL SAID FCO HAD OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION IN WASHINGTON FROM STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE). KENDALL EXPLAINED UK HAD BEEN REQUIRED LAST YEAR TO FILE FORMS WITH ICELANDIC NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR BRITISH RESEARCH SHIP DISCOVERY TO WORK ON REYKJANES RIDGE.

2. ECONODF EXPLAINED TOKENDALL WHAT SCHRAM HAD ACTUALLY SAID (REF C). ALSO EXPLAINED USG ROLE IN PROPOSED  
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CRUISE OF RV ENDEAVOR FROM UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AS CONTAINED REFS A AND B; THAT WE HAD INFORMED MDA ABOUT CRUISE AND EXTENDED INVITATION FOR TWO ICELANDIC SCIENTISTS TO ACCOMPANY.

3. UK EMBOFF SURMISED THAT ICELANDERS HAVE RETHOUGHT AND LIBERALIZED THEIR POSITION SOMEWHAT SINCE LAST YEAR,

BUT WARNED THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF A PACKET  
OF FORMS ARRIVES FROM THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.  
SHOULD HMG WISH CLARIFICATION  
OF ICELANDIC POSITION  
ECONOFF SUGGESTED MEMBER OF UK LOE DELEGATION MIGHT  
WISH CONTACT ICELANDIC AMBASSADOR HANS ANDERSEN IN  
GENEVA SINCE GOI CONSIDERS HIM THEIR LEADING LOE  
AUTHORITZ. (FYI: PROF. SCHRAM IS MEMBER OF ICELANDIC  
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